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FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER AND EA/HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: BRZEZINSKI VISIT: COST SHARING

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1. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, FUKUDA, ON TWO OR THREE OCCASIONS, IN RESPONSE TO DIET QUESTIONS AND IN PRESS INTERVIEWS, HAS AFFIRMED THAT COST SHARING WAS NOT RAISED DURING VISIT. IN EACH INSTANCE, HOWEVER, HE HAS GONE ON TO SAY THAT GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING SERIOUS ATTENTION TO QUESTION TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. AS REPORTED REF B, DEFENSE MINISTER KANEMARU HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY FLOATING HIS OWN TRIAL BALLOONS.

2. ALL OF THIS ACCORDS WITH THE STRONG SIGNALS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING IN RECENT WEEKS, E.G., DEPSECDEF DUNCAN'S VISIT WITH SONODA, GENERAL LOVING'S BREAKFAST WITH SONODA, AND DCM'S MEETING WITH NAKAJIMA (REF. C), THAT JAPANESE UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEM, BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT PRESS THEM TOO HARD, BUT WANT US TO MAKE OUR NEEDS AND SUPPORTING DATA AVAILABLE, WHEREUPON THEY WILL DECIDE ON THEIR OWN WHAT THEY CAN BEST DO TO HELP OUT. (JDA OFFICIALS, TO BE

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SURE, HAVE INDICATED TO US THEY WOULD PREFER MORE ACTIVE EXPRESSION OF HIGH-LEVEL US INTEREST.) WHILE THE JAPANESE MAY HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVELY CAUTIOUS IN FINE-TUNING OUR SIDE OF THE DIALOGUE FOR THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY DAMAGE WAS DONE BY FAILURE TO MENTION COST-SHARING.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE RECOMMEND THAT DR. BRZEZINSKI, WRAPPING IN OUR PRE-SUMMIT RECOMMENDATION, BRIEFLY TAKE UP COST-SHARING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

- THE PRESIDENT IS MUCH APPRECIATIVE OF THE
- ASSISTANCE JAPAN HAS PROVIDED TO HELP OUT
- WITH OUR LABOR COSTS. I HAVE NOTED YOUR
- COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT SINCE YOUR RETURN
- FROM WASHINGTON, AND, RECOGNIZING THAT YOUR
- GOVERNMENT ALONE IS IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE
- WHAT IS FEASIBLE, CAN ONLY ASSURE YOU THAT WHAT-
- EVER CAN BE WORKED OUT TO ASSIST US IN MAINTAIN-
- ING THE STRONG MILITARY POSTURE THAT WE INTEND
- TO PRESERVE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC WILL BE MOST
- HELPFUL.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GO INTO ANY FURTHER DETAIL -- SECRETARY BROWN WILL SOON HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO WHEN DEFENSE MINISTER KANEMARU VISITS WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH -- BUT THIS SORT OF NON-PUSHY STATEMENT WILL APPROPRIATELY SERVE TO CONVEY HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST.
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